

**INFORMATION FILED:** October 3, 1950, District of Massachusetts, against Ararat Co., Inc., a corporation, Cambridge, Mass., and Sarkis G. Sarkisian, president and treasurer of the corporation.

**ALLEGED SHIPMENT:** On or about October 31 and November 1 and 2, 1949, from the State of Massachusetts into the States of New York and Minnesota.

**LABEL, IN PART:** (Portion) "Ararat \* \* \* Wheat Cereal [or "Whole Wheat Cereal"]."

**NATURE OF CHARGE:** Adulteration, Section 402 (a) (3), the products consisted in part of filthy substances by reason of the presence of fragments of rodent excreta, rodent hair fragments, and insect fragments; and, Section 402 (a) (4), they had been prepared under insanitary conditions whereby they may have become contaminated with filth.

**DISPOSITION:** October 17, 1950. Pleas of guilty having been entered, the court fined the corporation \$200 and the individual defendant \$50.

**16610. Adulteration of popcorn. U. S. v. Joe F. Johnson (Joe F. Johnson Popcorn Co.).** Plea of guilty. Fine of \$500 and 60 days in jail; jail sentence suspended. (F. D. C. No. 28773. Sample Nos. 47203-K, 63817-K.)

**INFORMATION FILED:** June 26, 1950, Southern District of Ohio, against Joe F. Johnson, trading as the Joe F. Johnson Popcorn Co., Columbus, Ohio.

**ALLEGED SHIPMENT:** September 29 and 30, 1949, from the State of Ohio into the States of Pennsylvania and North Carolina.

**NATURE OF CHARGE:** Adulteration, Section 402 (a) (3), the product consisted in part of a filthy substance by reason of the presence of rat excreta, rodent hair fragments, larval head capsules, and insect fragments; and, Section 402 (a) (4), it had been prepared and packed under insanitary conditions whereby it may have become contaminated with filth.

**DISPOSITION:** July 25, 1950. The defendant having entered a plea of guilty, the court imposed a fine of \$500 and a sentence of 60 days in jail; and on September 22, 1950, the court suspended the jail sentence.

**16611. Adulteration of popcorn. U. S. v. 3 Bags \* \* \*. (F. D. C. No. 29548.** Sample No. 59024-K.)

**LIBEL FILED:** August 24, 1950, Eastern District of Wisconsin.

**ALLEGED SHIPMENT:** On or about July 31, 1950, by the ABC Popcorn Co., Inc., from Chicago, Ill.

**PRODUCT:** 3 100-pound bags of popcorn at Oshkosh, Wis.

**NATURE OF CHARGE:** Adulteration, Section 402 (a) (3), the article consisted in whole or in part of a filthy substance by reason of the presence of rodent excreta, insects, and insect parts.

**DISPOSITION:** September 28, 1950. Default decree of condemnation and destruction.

**16612. Adulteration of popcorn. U. S. v. 48 Cases \* \* \*. (F. D. C. No. 28826.** Sample No. 68978-K.)

**LIBEL FILED:** January 30, 1950, Western District of Pennsylvania.

**ALLEGED SHIPMENT:** On or about December 21, 1949, and January 4, 1950, by the Better Taste Popcorn Co., from Anderson, Ind.

**PRODUCT:** 48 cases, each containing 24 cans, of popcorn at McKeesport, Pa.